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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 23, 2006, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-21, with traverse.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested. In the Restriction Requirement there are presented the following groups: Group I = claims 1-21 and Group II = claims 22-34. However, it is respectfully pointed out that claims 22-34 were cancelled from this divisional application when the application was filed. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to Box 2 on the Continuing Application Transmittal Form wherein it is stated that such claims are cancelled.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction is not required since only the claims of Group I are currently pending in the application. It is also pointed out that claims to the package (Group II in the above grouping) were prosecuted in the parent application, which has issued as U.S. Patent 6,767,601.

To be complete, Applicant has elected the claims of Group I, with traverse, based on the fact that only claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Applicant therefore submits that a withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is in order.

Should there be any questions regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned. Applicant looks forward to receipt of a first action on the merits on all of the claims presented herein (claims 1-21).

Respectfully submitted,
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